

REMARKS

I. General Comments

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for considering the references listed on the PTO/SB/08 Form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of October 28, 2005. In addition, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating acceptance of the drawings filed on October 28, 2005.

II. Status of the Application

By the present Amendment, Applicant is amending claims 1, 8, 11, and 16. No new matter is added. In addition, Applicant is canceling claims 3, 4 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 2, 5-12, and 14-20 are all the claims currently pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 13 have been rejected. Claims 5-12, 14, 15, and 17-20 have been allowed. Claims 4 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The present Amendment addresses each point of objection and rejection raised by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

III. Objections to the Claims

The Examiner has objected to claims 7, 11, 16, and 17 because of various informalities. The Examiner suggests changing "the air" to "air" in line 5 of claim 7. However, Applicant believes that the Examiner intended to object to the lack of antecedent basis for "the air" in claim 8 instead of claim 7. Therefore, Applicant is amending claim 8 to correct the lack of antecedent

basis for “the air” in line 5. Further, Applicant is amending claims 11, 16, and 17 to correct the lack of antecedent basis for “the exterior,” as suggested by the Examiner.

IV. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-3 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over JP 06-328730 to Tsunesuke in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,793,389 to Mitchell. Applicant is canceling claims 3 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering moot the rejection of these claims. Further, Applicant is amending claim 1 to include the features recited in allowable claim 4 and intervening claim 3. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 is immediately allowable over the cited prior art. Further, claim 2 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 1.

V. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 5-12, 14, 15, and 17-20. Also, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed above, Applicant is amending claim 1 to recite all of the features of allowable claim 4 and intervening claim 3. Further, Applicant is amending claim 16 to depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 16 are immediately allowable over the cited prior art.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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